

Please cancel claim 17.

Claim 18, line 1: change "17" to --16--

30. A method for producing an enriched fluid having an increased concentration of a first fluid from a stream containing the first fluid and at least one second fluid comprising the steps of:

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- (a) the step of introducing the stream into a vessel containing a member for adsorbing the at least one second fluid;
 - (b) the step of pressurizing the vessel for a time sufficient for the member to adsorb at least a portion of the second fluid to produce the enriched fluid;
 - (c) the step of [cyclically] passing the enriched fluid to a pressurizable container to pressurize the pressurizable container; and,
 - (d) the step of driving a member by the pressure in the pressurizable container to commence a purging cycle of the vessel when the pressurizable container reaches a preset pressure.

35. A method for producing an enriched fluid having an increased concentration of a first fluid from a stream containing the first fluid and at least one second fluid comprising:

- B³
- (a) introducing the stream into a vessel containing an adsorbent for adsorbing the at least one second fluid;
 - (b) pressurizing the vessel for a time sufficient for the adsorbent to adsorb at least a portion of the second fluid to produce the enriched fluid and venting enriched fluid from the vessel; and
 - (c) using the enriched fluid vented from the vessel to pressurize a mechanical member to commence a purge cycle of the adsorbent.

Remarks:

This letter is responsive to the Office Action dated May 16, 2000. In the office action, the Examiner again rejected claims 16, 28, 29, 35, 38 and 39 as being anticipated by Sircar et al.

In paragraph 5 of page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated "the control means of Sicar et al. ('429) has the identical function to the recited 'actuating means' in claims 16 and 35. To overcome these objections, the applicant has amended paragraph (e) of claim 16 to specify that the actuating means is a mechanical actuating means which is different from the electrical timing controller taught by Sicar et al. In view of this amendment, claim 16 now contains the language used in claim 17 which consisted of allowable subject matter, and accordingly the applicant has cancelled claim 17. Similarly, the applicant has amended paragraph (c) of claim 35 to relate to a step wherein the enriched fluid vented from the vessel is used to pressurize a mechanical member to commence a purge cycle of the adsorbent.